

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version):

In Claims 4, 8, and 28:

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4. A method as claimed in claim 3 including the step of recording the verification of the carrier at least during a use phase of said carrier.

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8. A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of comparing a result of verification of said carrier against predetermined data and including the step of providing a warning when said result of verification is out of range of the predetermined data.

28. A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of coding said first and second sites and said predetermined carrier with a visual code from one or a combination of the following:

- b3
- i. a colour code
 - ii. a colour combination code
 - iii. a pattern code
 - iv. a numeric code
 - v. an alpha code
 - vi. a bar code.

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Please add Claims 39-40:

39. A method according to claim 5 wherein said first and second predetermined coded substance sites are the same site and the movement is monitored by a verification means adapted to detect the code on the carrier when said carrier is brought into a predetermined proximity with said verification means.

40. The method according to claim 39 wherein the verification means is a bar code scanner and the code is a bar code, said method also optionally including at least one of the following steps: (a) comparing the result of verification by said verification means against predetermined data; and (b) storing a record including the code or the result of verification.

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated June 19, 2001. Claims 1-11, 26, 28 are pending after an election. Claims 4, 8, and 28 are herein amended and Claims 39 and 40 is herein added. Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim 26, being an apparatus claim should depend from Claim 12, not Claim 11 which is directed to a method. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner regroup Claim 26 with Group II.